

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
November 21, 2013

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Jack Brand, Grace Riario, Tracy Allen, Christina Ryan Linder, Eugenia Schatoff, Laura Grunweg, Angela Krajcar, Maria Gagliardi

Absent: J. Bowen, Carol Connell Cannon, Veronica Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER – 10:02 L. Grunweg called the meeting to order.

1. MINUTES of October 24, 2013. Motion to approve M. Gagliardi, second by C. Ryan Linder. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Presented by J. Brand. Balance of funding has been received from the County. A. Krajcar motion to approve. Second by T. Allen. Approved. J. Brand made a motion to give each library a \$1,000. grant. Second by M. Gagliardi. Approved

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – Discussion of the bookmark design contest. Additional quotes for printing will be available at the next meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed to make approximately 100 bookmarks available per library with a total print run of 2,000. A template will be made available for any library that wishes to print additional bookmarks.

b. Teen Services – It was confirmed that the teen brochure will be paid from the printing line. Help is still needed for the teen wrapping event to take place at Barnes & Noble on December 6, 2013. The teen author event is scheduled for April. Date and author to be confirmed.

c. Youth Services – Dan Yaccarino has been selected as the author for the Spring author program co-hosted with Pace and Dominican. It will take place at Valley Cottage PL on March 19, 2014. A brochure is in preparation and assistance from Barry Koch on the design was requested. The field trip to the Society of Illustrators is scheduled for December 9, 2013 and up to \$150. is available to reimburse LARC members for admission fees only.

d. Advocates – C. Ryan Linder reported that 31 people representing 15 libraries attended the “20/20 Vision Plan” program featuring John Hammond. As a follow-up, she will get the name of the local representative to the Board of Regents.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Annual Transition of Officers – Report will be available at next board meeting.

b. LARC Logo – Additional designs are being prepared.

c. LARC Program Idea “Shadow Day” – L. Grunweg is working on a model, which is still in development, for this event.

d. Make a Difference Rockland – This took place at Tappan Zee High School. Mary Beth Darnobid from Blauvelt PL attended. Sixteen (16) students signed up for community service. This was a good opportunity to connect with students and vendors.

e. Continuing Education – Grace Riario from RCLS was the guest speaker on this topic. She led the discussion on keeping track of professional development participation by public librarians as a requirement for certification. She is keeping track of all RCLS events. The question to the board was whether RCLS should track attendance at LARC sponsored events. Future expectations, the State is developing a site to track professional development, however, that site will not be available in the near future. Still waiting for the State to issue guidelines. Webinars must be live to get credit. Archived webinars cannot be more than 2 years old and participation must be certified by a supervisor who must hold a valid public librarian certificate. Programs must fall within certain subject headings. A. Hosmer suggested use of My Learning Plan which school districts use to track professional development by teachers. G. Riario created LibGuide for people to register with her to track credits. G. Riario sent out an e-mail invitation to directors to participate in a survey to comment on programs held last year.

Westchester Library System is hosting 2014 Trustee Association Conference in May. RCLS will cover half of the fee. This conference is for trustees only. State Library is considering having trustees obtain continuing education credits. To support this initiative, write John Hammond.

C. 11:24 Motion to adjourn M. Gagliardi. Second by J. Brand. Passed

Next meeting TBD

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary